

HOUSE No. 1071

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John P. Fresolo

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the insurance partnership.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John P. Fresolo	16th Worcester
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INSURANCE PARTNERSHIP.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Subsection (1) 9C of chapter 118E of the General Laws as appearing in the
2 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting the definition of “Eligible Employer” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following;- “Eligible employer”, (i) an individual or an
4 unincorporated business that employs one or more residents of the commonwealth, (ii) a
5 corporation, including a foreign corporation, other than a governmental entity, that employs at
6 least one or more residents of the commonwealth or (iii) a corporation or an unincorporated
7 entity that is exempt from taxation under the provisions of section 501 (c) of the Internal
8 Revenue Code of the United States, as amended and in effect for the taxable year; provided,
9 further, that the method of determining the number of employees an employer has and the
10 amount and types subsidies available to an eligible employer based upon employee family status
11 shall be determined by the division; and further provided, that participating employers will not
12 receive an employer subsidy for employees who are currently insured at the time of their
13 application to the Insurance Partnership. Employer groups newly applying to the Insurance
14 Partnership will not be eligible for the employer subsidy.

15 SECTION 2. Subsection (1) 9C of chapter 118E of the General Laws as appearing in the 2006
16 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting the definition “Eligible employee”, and inserting
17 in place thereof the following; - “Eligible employee”, an employee: (i) who is employed by an
18 eligible employer; (ii) who resides in the commonwealth; (iii) who has not attained age 65; (iv)
19 who meets the financial and other eligibility standards set forth in regulations promulgated by the
20 division, if the gross family income standard does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty level
21 during their qualifying employer’s 2009 open enrollment date if they are currently insured in
22 their employer’s plan; or if the gross family income standard does not exceed 300% of the
23 federal poverty level during their qualifying employer’s 2010 open enrollment date if they are
24 currently insured in their employer’s plan.